

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a workshop on Monday, May 23, 2011 at Town Hall, 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Magryta opened the workshop at 7:35pm.

Council Member Livsey said he would like to make a couple of motions before the workshop begins.

Supervisor Magryta expressed that he would like to have known about this before the beginning of the workshop.

Council Member Livsey made a motion to hold the Town Board regular meetings and workshops at 7:00pm and to adjourn them by 10:00pm. Mr. Livsey believes that the Board is trying to bunch too much in and he thinks it would be better to have an additional meeting.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to set a limit of 10:00pm for all Town Board meetings and workshops.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-ayes (Livsey, Tautel, Edsall)
2-nays (Magryta, Gokey)

Council Member Livsey would also like to make a motion to limit the public comment to 3 minutes per speaker.

Supervisor Magryta asked Mr. Rider to give his opinion on this.

Mr. Rider said that the Board can re-visit issues that have already been discussed.

Supervisor Magryta asked Mr. Rider if the Supervisor controls the public comment and if the motion is legal.

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Mr. Rider believes that the Board can set limits.

Council Member Edsall said that maybe there will be more control of the agenda if limits are set.

Supervisor Magryta said that a lot of information is provided to the community and if a 3 minute time limit is set for public comment then maybe it should also apply to the Board.

Council Member Livsey said he would withdraw his motion out of respect.

Supervisor Magryta would like a moment of silence for the tornado victims in Missouri.

Supervisor Magryta said it was a very big weekend in the Town of Highlands. The Supervisor said there was West Point Graduation, the Fort Montgomery Fire Department's Installation dinner and the Library Gala.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Capt. Bill Stroppel announced that the new Town of Highlands Ambulance is featured on the brochure for the company where it was purchased.

FINANCIAL AUDIT – VANACORE/OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER – CAP

Vanacore Proposal

Supervisor Magryta said that the auditors are here looking at the books. The Supervisor stated that the previous years' data is a mess and Ms. Blauvelt is working to get it so the auditors can work with it. The Supervisor has correspondence explaining what needs to be done so the books can be audited.

Supervisor Magryta said that Vanacore has provided the Board with a proposal for \$4,500 for additional work that needs to be done.

Mr. Rider said that three representatives from the accounting firm stressed that the additional work is necessary.

Council Member Tautel questioned why they were charging extra to go over the bank reconciliations.

Mr. Rider said that what they will be doing is more comprehensive than what Ms. Blauvelt has already done.

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Council Member Tautel asked if they were aware of the cash policy and the CAP response.

Supervisor Magryta said they were, but they are concerned with what went on from 2004-2009.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to authorize the Supervisor to sign the addendum to the agreement with the auditors.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Office of the State Comptroller – CAP

Supervisor Magryta has received a letter from the State Comptroller acknowledging receipt of the Town's CAP.

TOWN CLERK – TRANSFER REQUEST

Supervisor Magryta has a request for a budget transfer from the Town Clerk.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to transfer \$500 from A1620.0400 (Town Hall other exp.) to A1410.0400 (Town Clerk other exp.).

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

TofH AMBULANCE CORPS REQUEST

Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Edsall to review the requests from Capt. Stroppel.

Council Member Edsall said that Capt. Stroppel has provided him with a copy of a resignation from EMT Darek Tyminski.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to accept the resignation of Darek Tyminski.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Council Member Edsall also has a request from Capt. Stroppel to hire Kyle Shorette, a temporary EMT, to fill a slot in the pool. Mr. Edsall stated that the EMT's in the pool are used to fill vacant spots in the schedule and that they do not get paid unless they work.

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Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to accept the request from Capt. Stoppel to move Kyle Shorette from temporary to a position in the pool.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Council Member Edsall said that Capt. Stoppel would like to hire two EMT's to be put in the pool.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to hire Derek McDonald, off the Orange County list and put him in the pool.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to hire Christopher Ruiz, off the Orange County EMT list, and put him in the pool.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to go into executive session to discuss the water project. Board went into executive session at 8:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 9:05pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

VILLAGE OF CORNWALL REQUEST/STORM KING SUNDAY CLOSURE REQUEST

Village of Cornwall

Supervisor Magryta said that the Village of Cornwall has requested that the Town of Highlands support the 2nd Annual Riverview Run for Parkinson's Research. The Supervisor said the run goes from Lee Gate (Rte 218) to Cornwall.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel that the Town of Highlands is in support of the 2nd Annual Riverview Run.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Storm King Summer Sundays Closure

Supervisor Magryta has a request for the Town to support “Storm King Hike and Bike Sundays”. The Supervisor explained that Rte 218 will be closed for eight consecutive Sundays from June 18 to August 7 from 11am to 3pm.

Council Member Edsall said that an endorsement is needed from the Town and a copy of the Town’s insurance will need to be provided. Mr. Edsall said he will have Mr. Nugent provide the Supervisor with a copy of the application packet.

Supervisor Magryta said he would like to make sure that Kevin Quigley, Supervisor of Cornwall, is aware that the Town is in the process of potentially engaging in this.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter of support pending review of all pertinent documents.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays**

CLOTHING DROP BOXES

Supervisor Magryta said the Board needs to discuss how, and to what degree, the Town wants to regulate these boxes and decide where they are suitable to be.

Council Member Gokey asked what would happen to the boxes that are already in the Town.

Mr. Rider explained that the owners of the boxes would have a certain time to comply with the regulations.

Supervisor Magryta said that he does not believe they should be used for commercial and suggested that maybe the Town regulate them with a permit process.

Supervisor Magryta said that the Town will need to do a local law to determine the guidelines the Town is comfortable with.

Council Member Livsey believes that these boxes should not be place against another structure for safety reasons.

Supervisor Magryta would like the Board to provide Council Member Edsall with any input on this issue by June 22 so he can compile it for the June workshop. The Supervisor said that all the information will be reviewed and a public hearing will be set for the local law.

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ISSUES

Council Member Livsey:

Council Member announced that Dial-A-Bus Manager, Colleen Solan, received a letter with the Federal Operating Assistance payment of \$22,862. Mr. Livsey said that the total money received for 2010 was \$61,935.

Council Member Livsey received a letter, from the State, about grant opportunities and he will give it to Council Member Edsall.

Council Member Livsey has a team put together for workman's compensation and he will bring it up at the next workshop.

Council Member Livsey said that the dugouts for Brooks' Park cannot be installed because of the wet ground.

Council Member Livsey said that Doug Willis, Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, is asking for a clothing allowance.

Supervisor Magryta agrees that Mr. Willis should receive a clothing allowance and would like to find out what he thinks is an appropriate amount. The Supervisor asked Council Member Livsey to get more information from Mr. Willis.

Supervisor Magryta:

Supervisor Magryta has a request from Highway Supt., Tony Squicciarini, to use money from the reserve fund to replace the body on a sanitation vehicle. Mr. Squicciarini would like to have permission to expend up to \$10,000. The Supervisor said that he would like the Board to consider this for the next meeting.

Mr. Rider cautioned the Board that this would, most likely, be subject to permissive referendum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL MEETING

Supervisor Magryta announced that a Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 5:30pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to go into executive session to discuss 1) proposed, pending or current litigation; and 2) matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law. Board went into executive session at 10:00pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 10:20pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:21pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey, Tautel)
0-nays

Attest,